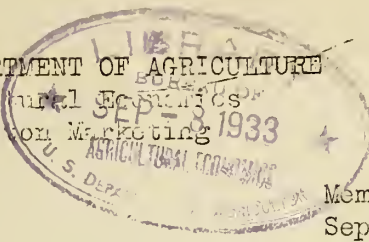


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COTTON GRADE AND STAPLE REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 31

The first report issued on the grade and staple of cotton samples classed from the 1933-34 crop in the Memphis area was released today. Although the Memphis area includes the States of Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee and Missouri, an insufficient number of samples had been classed on which to base reports for any state other than Mississippi. For the same reason the report for that State was limited to two areas, viz., the Sandy Coastal Plains and the Mississippi Bottoms.

Ginnings to date in Mississippi have been light and samples received have been chiefly from the extreme southern portion of the Sandy Coastal Plains District and from the central portion of the Mississippi Bottoms (Delta). Ginnings in the Delta have, however, been quite general over the central portion and samples have been classed from Bolivar, Sunflower and Yazoo Counties.

The percentages of samples classed from the Coastal Plains District in the staple lengths shorter than 7/8 inch, 7/8 inch, 15/16 inch and 1 inch, were .2 percent, 19.1 percent, 29.3 percent and 41.5 percent respectively. These percentages contrast with 22.1 percent, 52.0 percent, 20.0 percent and 5.7 percent for the same staples as given in the first release for this District last season.

In the Delta District 99.4 percent of the samples classed were 1-1/8 inches or longer in staple. This result contrasts with 5.5 percent in 1 inch, 55.5 percent in 1-1/16 inch, and 38.8 percent in 1-1/8 inch and longer for the first report issued for last season.

The above comparisons in staple percentages for the first report of this season with that of last season tend to show that staples are considerably better than for last year. This comparison must be qualified with the statement that the first report for last year was issued as of samples classed prior to September 10th, ten days later than this season's first report. The first report of last season was representative of a larger portion of both the Coastal Plains and the Delta Districts, since ginnings had progressed farther and the classification of samples from a larger number of gins was included in the report.

The grades in the Coastal Plains area were 44.4 percent Strict Middling, 40.9 percent Middling, 11.1 percent Strict Low Middling, and 2.2 percent Low Middling. In the Delta District 25.1 percent of the samples classed were Good Middling and better in grade, 62.8 percent were Strict Middling and 10.6 percent were Middling. There were very small percentages of Strict Low Middling and Low Middling grades which were largely the result of ginning damp cotton.

On account of lack of funds and the necessity for strict economy, the Department will not be permitted to mail reports to anyone who does not file a written request for them. During this year separate reports will be released weekly for Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas and Missouri, and requests should be addressed to Box 51, Memphis, Tennessee, for releases on the States which you wish to receive.

